

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Assassination of President Kennedy, Dallas, Texas
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Dallas, Texas	PERIOD COVERED November 20 - December 4, 1963	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA John J. Giarano and SA W. H. Patterson		

DETAILS

SUMMARY

Newspaper article in Dallas Times Herald stated Lee Harvey Oswald had received communications from Western Union. Arrangements made for Western Union to attempt to identify these communications. Information on these communications, if any, will be given jointly to FBI and this Service.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports.

Other Investigations

In response to an article appearing in the Dallas Times Herald on November 20, 1963, regarding Western Union Communications to Lee Harvey Oswald, efforts were made to determine the scope of this story and to obtain all possible communications relating to Lee Harvey Oswald from Western Union.

On November 20, 1963, I contacted Mr. George Warren, Western Union District Supervisor, who advised he had no information regarding any communications or money orders received by Oswald and had no idea where information came from that was in the newspaper article.

Later that day SA W. H. Patterson and I interviewed Robert Penley, reporter for the Dallas Times Herald, at his home at 3701 Strayhorn, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Penley stated that on November 22, 1963, while writing a story for Time Magazine at Western Union, he was engaged in conversation with C. A. Hamilton, the Western Union District Supervisor.

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interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald. Mr. Penley seized upon this opportunity to question Mr. Penley regarding the information he might be able to furnish on Oswald. Penley advised that he had received small amounts of money for several months prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. Penley recalled receiving a telegram a few days before the assassination which was addressed to Mr. Penley the peculiar way Oswald wrote the letter. Mr. Penley stated that Oswald wrote invariably, upside down. Penley stated that he had seen insignificant things and had been told at that time that Oswald had been on Oswald whenever he came in. Penley recalled Oswald received several money orders for \$10 and one for possibly \$25.00.

On December 1, 1963, after the interview with Mr. Penley the previous day, I again contacted Western Union, and was advised that all the records were locked up and could not be reviewed until 8:00 AM on December 2, 1963, and with the authorization of the District Manager Larry Wilcox. Arrangements were made to interview Mr. Wilcox at 8:00 AM on December 2, 1963, and possibly to review the files at that time.

Later that day Inspector Kelley was contacted by Western Union who advised that they had similar inquiries from the FBI. Western Union requested, therefore, that the Secret Service Agent contact SA Charlie Brown, FBI, and make arrangements to jointly conduct this phase of the investigation at 8:00 AM on December 2, 1963. At Inspector Kelley's request, I contacted the FBI and requested SA Brown call me. SA Brown returned my call at 5:30 PM on December 2, 1963, and arrangements were made to go to Western Union together as soon as he was free from his early morning conference.

On December 3, 1963, at approximately 3:00 AM, I contacted Mr. Larry Wilcox, District Manager of Western Union, Dallas, Texas, to advise him that SA Brown, FBI, was in conference and would not be able to make the 8:00 AM appointment. Mr. Wilcox advised me that he would give SA Brown the information to any investigative agency without benefit of a court order specifying a particular communication on a specific date.

This matter was then discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney E. H. Tamm, Jr. who advised he would issue a blanket subpoena, if necessary.

Subsequently the FBI contacted Inspector Kelley and advised that they could possibly obtain the information through a confidential source without having to have a subpoena issued. It was agreed that we would contact a subpoena pending notification from the FBI.

On December 4, 1963, a meeting was held at the Western Union Office to discuss the possibility of obtaining all information in their files

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regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. Persons at this meeting were District Manager L. E. Wilson, District Manager T. C. Egan, and District Manager E. C. Smith, Jr. Wilson, FBI, and myself. At this meeting it was determined that Western Union would check all their communications sent collect and paid, money orders received and paid for the period September 1, 1963, to November 24, 1963. Mr. Wilson advised that when this was completed and if any in connection were developed he would turn it over to their Gulf Coast Manager Mr. Schlegel who in turn would contact the FBI and Secret Service so that the proper legal steps could be taken to obtain these communications.

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